

MEERSBURG NEW PALACE



OPENING TIMES

1 APRIL TO 1 NOVEMBER
MON – SUN 9 AM – 6.30 PM

2 NOVEMBER TO 31 MARCH
SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
11 AM – 4 PM

*Last entry 30 Minutes before
applicable closing time*

Closed 24 and 31 December

GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours in German

1 APRIL TO 1 NOVEMBER
WED, SAT, SUN AND
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2 PM

2 NOVEMBER TO 31 MARCH
SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2 PM

*Group tours, also in foreign languages,
by arrangement; Special tours as per
schedule and by arrangement*

ADMISSION

INCLUDING AUDIO GUIDE

· ADULTS	€ 5,00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 2,50
· FAMILIES	€ 12,50
GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20	
· PER PERSON	€ 4,50

INCLUDING GUIDED TOUR

· ADULTS	€ 7,00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 3,50
· FAMILIES	€ 17,50
GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20	
· PER PERSON	€ 6,30

DISABILITY ACCESS

*Information is available at
www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/disabilityaccess*

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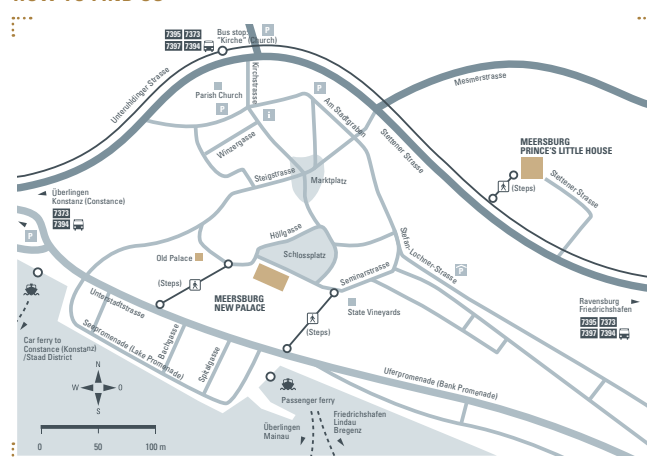
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HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

Public transport: Use the bus routes from Ravensburg to Konstanz (Constance) via Meersburg or from Friedrichshafen to Überlingen/Konstanz (Constance) via Meersburg. The Palace is a five-minute walk away from the ferry pier.

INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MONUMENTS

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EPISCOPALIAN BAROQUE RESIDENCE AT LAKE CONSTANCE

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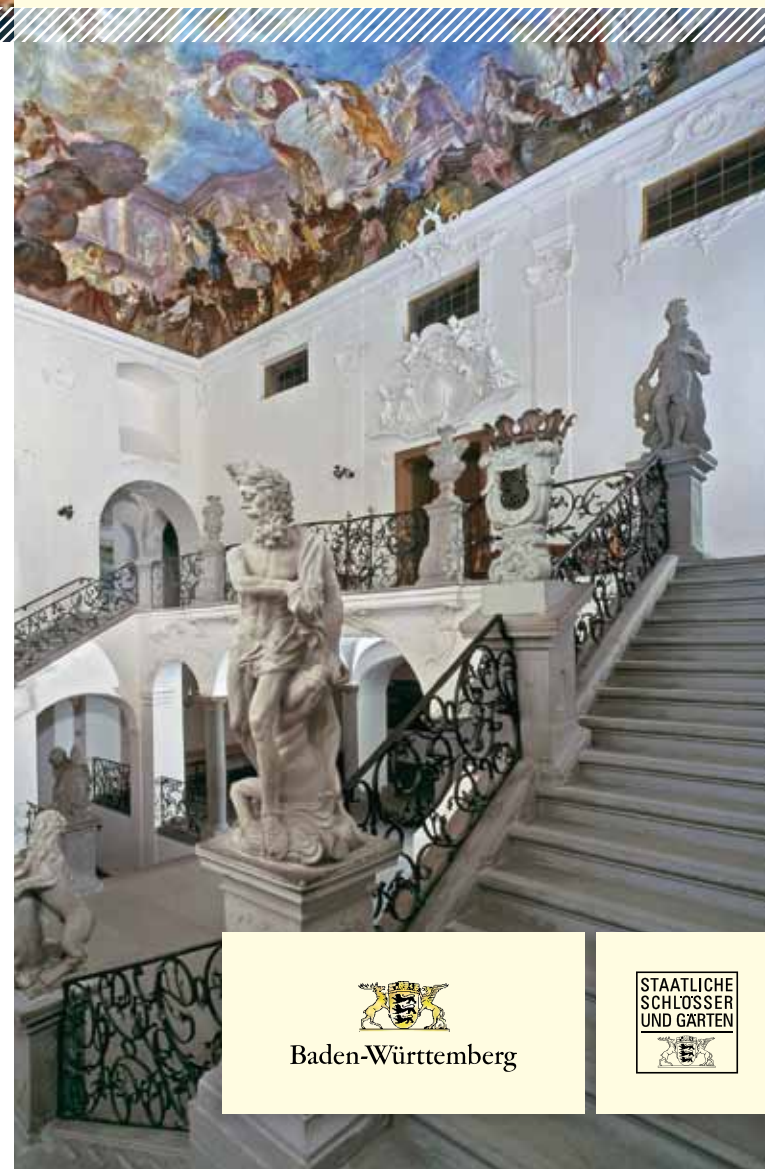


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Baden-Württemberg



The former residence of the Prince-Bishops of Constance is still an impressive sight today thanks to its prominent staircase designed by Balthasar Neumann and its stunning panoramic view.

At the beginning of the 16th century, the Prince-Bishops of Constance moved their residence from the Bishopric of Constance, which had become protestant, to the town of Meersburg. In 1710, Prince-Bishop Johann Franz Schenk von Stauffenberg began to build a new construction to the east of the Old Palace. In order to do justice to the increased requirement for the representation of princely aspects during the Baroque era, this construction was extended and transformed into a more grand and impressive structure at a later point in time. The New Palace, which boasts a charming location overlooking Lake Constance, now still forms the main focus of the picturesque old town of Meersburg. From its Palace Terrace, the New Palace treats its visitors to a captivating panoramic view right over Lake Constance and to the peaks of the nearby Alps.

👑 *The grand and impressive New Palace building was considered to be one of the most original Baroque Residences in the empire*



👑 *The location above the Lake Constance offers a magnificent view*

ONE OF THE MOST ORIGINAL BAROQUE RESIDENCES

Balthasar Neumann produced the designs for both the Palace Church and the monumental staircase, which was one of the most important spatial creations of southern German Baroque architecture. The Palace Church was incorporated into the building between 1741 and 1743. Further reconstruction work took place 16 years later, when Prince-Bishop Cardinal Franz Konrad von Rodt commissioned the master builder Franz Anton Bagnato to restore the staircase, which had already become dilapidated, and to give the Baroque façade of the building facing towards the Schlossplatz (Castle Square) a contemporary Rococo-style appearance. The prestigiously furnished and designed construction finally became ready to be lived in the 1860s. The Palace complex, which had also gained stables and a seminary, became “one of the most original Baroque residences in the empire”.

THE LIFE OF THE PRINCE-BISHOPS

Via the colossal stairway, you reach the bel étage with the state apartments and private rooms. Here the residential and everyday living culture of the prince bishops is presented in an impressive and interactive way. Countless original objects on hunting, music, festival culture at the court and and last but not least its widely known natural history collection offers an authentic impression.



👑 *The “Natural history collection of the prince bishops”:
The prince bishops were enthusiastic collectors which were particularly interested in mussels, snails, minerals and fossils.*